

**VAOBA Notes
January Meeting
Thursday, January 6, 2022**

In Attendance:

Gary
Cheri S
Michelle R
Laurie C
Donna A
Patty F
Donna H
Judy H
John R

Absent: Suzanne Marsh

Meeting opened at 7:34pm by Gary, President of VAOBA, 2022

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report:

Current Finances: \$2268.72
No transactions pending at this time for 2022
All bills paid (last two for 2021 business printed & out)
Taxes were discussed & will be brought up again at Feb meeting

December Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting/December 2021 read
-adjusted location of storage unit from King George to King William
-minutes approved by Donna H, seconded Laurie C
-minutes for December 2021: approved

Openherd/VAOBA Email

-Joe & Jan from Openherd have been made aware of the VAOBA situation in regards to Mary Forte, Jay Fentner & their current status as members not in good standing with VAOBA, as well as past issues with the BoD & the issuance of certified letters of acknowledgement of Mary's removal from the VAOBA BoD last fall
-Joe has asked for written/hard copy of the minutes from Dec, as well as other information, as

they are “in the middle here” of the matter. He asked for the current list of officers, minutes from December’s meeting, and asked this sent certified mail to him at Openherd. At that time, he can begin to make the necessary changes & work with VAOBA to begin the transition process to new passwords, photos & other VAOBA matters in regards to Openherd & the vaoba@info.com email matters

- Motion made to approve by Gary, Cheri seconded, motion approved
- Cheri to send certified mail as soon as storm passes & can get to USPS; Donna H volunteered to take it on Fri so it will get out this week, Cheri ok’d
- Donna H to see to changes on the Openherd website (new photos/updates on members/etc)
- Suzanne M is changing the Facebook status (new photos/updates on members/etc)

Fredericksburg Expo/Venue

- Cheri spoke with Marlene in regards to the matter of the cancelled show & what may be owed them
 - Marlene has stated they will not sue us but will not put this in writing
- VAOBA has no immediate plans to return to the Fred Expo in the near future due to past matters & cost of the rental of the venue vs VAOBA funds at this time
- All agreed that the Fred Expo is a fantastic site to have a show, but for VAOBA’s current needs, a smaller, less expensive place will be suitable, & given the on-going issues of Covid/cancelled shows
- As of now, January 2022, VAOBA has no further obligations to the Fred Expo for future shows

Carpet

- Issue of what to do with the carpet in storage in Aylet came up once again
- Marlene at the Fred Expo said they will take the carpet but will not purchase (if we offered it to them)
 - Storage unit has been paid thru Feb (thank you Glen!)
- Carpet is currently in various lengths as well as two different widths from the 2020 show, some rolls never got cut
- Discussion on a price per foot/length was brought up & Donna A offered to purchase all for a price
 - Donna H offered \$5000.00 for the whole lot
- Michelle made a motion to sell the carpet in the storage unit to Donna H for \$5000.00 to settle the matter once & for all, Judy H seconded
 - Carpet sold/matter closed

New Business:

Membership

- Letter to the current membership should go out to explain what’s been happening, what we are currently doing (new BoD & current members) & as well to old members/previous VAOBA associates who have left the organization due to disagreements with certain BoD’s in the past

- Membership dues letters need to also go out soon
- Gary has a letter pending to explain the current matters & to address moving forward as an organization
- Discussion was to have the March VAOBA meeting at Patty F's Heart of Virginia show & perhaps monthly? Quarterly meetings for VAOBA members to gather & discuss things, perhaps clinics/etc
- Membership Committee was formed consisting of Donna H & Mary Jane C to start building up membership numbers
- The suggestion to bring in West Virginia to VAOBA was brought up, matter set aside for the moment for more discussion at a later meeting
- There will be the opportunity for a VAOBA booth at the Heart of Virginia, will be discussed more in Feb as show comes together
- Suggestion for a stand-alone Fleece Show was brought up by Cheri, for a means to build VAOBA funds, with advertisement at Heart of Virginia & possibly a tie-in clinic on current AoA fleece standards & new judging criteria, matter tabled until Feb meeting/more info
- Gary brought up VAOBA shirts, to be made/for sale at various places, such as the Heart of Virginia show. Prices & shirts to be discussed at a later time pending investigation of prices & minimum orders

Motion to close meeting at 8:37 made by Donna H, seconded by Cheri, meeting closed
Next meeting: February 3, 2022